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The bill to vest the right of electing the clerks of the Superior and County Courts in the several counties within this State, in the free white men thereof, was read the second time. Mr. Wyche moved that said bill be postponed indefinitely. The question thereon was decided in the affirmative—yeas 61, nays 60. The yeas and nays demanded by Mr. Cooper.

Those who voted in the affirmative, were Messrs. W. J. Alexander, E. Alexander, Barnard, Barnhardt, Barringer, Bateman, Bell, Bragg, Bryan, Buie, Bynum, Chesson, Clark, Clemons, Cox, Dodson, Dowd, Dozier, Dumas, Edmonston, Fay, Gary, Gaston, Gauze, Gwynn, Harper, J. A. Hill, Th. Hill, Jarvis, Jones, Kendall, Larkins, Lawson, Lloyd, Marshall, Mebane, Mhoon, McGehee, McMillan, Nicholson, O'Brien, Pearson, Polk, Rand, Sasser, Shipp, Sikes, Singleton, Skinner, Spaight, Stokes, Uzzell, Walker, Watts, Wheeler, Willey, Winston, C. Wooten, A. W. Wooten, Worth, Wyche—yeas 61.

Those who voted in the negative, were Messrs. Allison, Arrington, Blair, Branch, Brooks, Brown, Brower, Burgin, Bush, Calloway, Carter, Cooper, Donnell, Ellison, Flemming, Flowers, Glenn, Grundy, Haley, Houlder, Hooper, W. Horton, J. Horton, Irion, Jackson, Leonard, Lilly, Little, Loretz, Love, Monk, Moore, Morris, Mullin, Murphey, McAfee, McNeill, Peoples, Phillips, Powell, Purcell, Simmons, Sloan, Smith, Spurgin, Stedman, Stephens, Stockard, Swanner, Tatham, Wadsworth, Webb, White, J. Whitaker, Whitley, Williams, Wilson, Wiseman, Wright, Ziglar—nays 60.

Mr. Thomas Hill gave notice that he should, on to-morrow, move that an additional member be placed on one of the standing committees of this House.

On motion of Mr. Winston,

*Resolved*, That a message be sent to the Senate, proposing to raise a select joint committee, consisting of three members from each House, to inquire into the situation of the arms deposited in the arsenal.

The following resolutions, offered by Mr. Glenn, were read and adopted:

Whereas the notes of the several Banks of this State constitute the principal part of its circulating medium, and the same are now so rapidly retiring from circulation that it is apprehended the diminution may create general embarrassment and distress; and whereas the State has within itself all the resources for supplying a sufficient metallic currency in the products of the gold mines; and whereas it is believed that the Cherokee lands which belong to the State abound in gold mines, and that it is the true policy of the State to sell them, that these mines may be developed for the purpose of augmenting the circulating medium of the State:

*Be it therefore resolved*, That a select joint committee be raised for the purpose of inquiring into the expediency of selling the Cherokee lands, or such portion of the same as they may deem necessary and proper.

*Resolved further*, That they inquire into the expediency of memorializing the Congress of the United States on the necessity and propriety of establishing a branch of the United States' Mint in this State.

Mr. Barnard, with leave, presented a bill concerning the clerk of the Superior Court of the county of Currituck. The said bill was read the first time and passed.

Whereupon the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1880.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Winston, Arrington and Wright to compose the select joint committee on the part of this House on the state of the public arms in the Arsenal.

The engrossed resolution in favor of Bridger I. Montgomery, and the bill concerning the clerk of the Superior Court of the county of Currituck, were severally read the second time and passed.

A message from the Senate, informing that they had passed the following engrossed bills, viz. a bill to reduce the number of jurors to lay off roads in the county of Macon to five freeholders; also a bill to repeal an